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## FAMILY WEEKEND

There were two new events that were held as a part of the recent Family Weekend at Eastern.

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## SCHEDULE SET

The women's basketball schedule was announced last week as the start of the season nears.

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## AP: Biden seeks to move quickly

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — President-elect Joe Biden signaled on Sunday he plans to move quickly to build out his government, focusing first on the raging pandemic that will likely dominate the early days of his administration.

Biden named a former surgeon general, Dr. Vivek Murthy, and a former Food and Drug Administration commissioner, David Kessler, as co-chairs of a coronavirus working group set to get started, with other members expected to be announced Monday.

Transition team officials said that also this week Biden will launch his agency review teams, the group of transition staffers that have access to key agencies in the current administration to ease the transfer of power. The teams will collect and review information such as budgetary and staffing decisions, pending regulations and other work in progress from current staff at the departments to help Biden's team prepare to transition. White House officials would not comment on whether they would cooperate with Biden's team on the review.

"People want the country to move forward," said Kate Bedingfield, Biden deputy campaign manager, in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," and see Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris "have the opportunity to do the work, to get the virus under control and to get our economy back together."

It's unclear for now whether President Donald Trump and his administration will cooperate. He has yet to acknowledge Biden's victory and has pledged to mount legal challenges in several closely contested states that decided the race.

Biden adviser Jen Psaki pressed for the Trump-appointed head of the General Services Administration to quickly recognize Biden as the president-elect, which would free up money for the transition and clear the way for Biden's team to begin putting in place the transition process at agencies.

"America's national security and economic interests depend on the federal government signaling clearly and swiftly that the United States government will respect the will of the American people and engage in a smooth and peaceful transfer of power," Psaki said in a Twitter posting.

A GSA official said Sunday that step had not been taken yet.

A bipartisan group of administration officials from the Barack Obama, George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton administrations on Sunday called on the Trump administration to move forward "to immediately begin the post-election transition process."

"This was a hard-fought campaign, but history is replete with examples of presidents who emerged from such campaigns to graciously assist their successors," members of the Center for Presidential Transition advisory board said in a statement.

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## Cleaning up the field



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Abby Stahlhut, a pre chiropractic sophomore, picks up softballs "after some front toss" while listening to Christmas music since it was a "great day of seventy degrees in November" at Williams Field Sunday evening.

## Pair of hair-related events underway

By Elizabeth Taylor  
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Movember and No Shave November are two simultaneous events involving hair growth which happen every November.

No Shave November is exactly what it sounds like: participants skip shaving for a month. They do this to start conversations and raise awareness about cancer. The official organization was founded in 2009 as the children of Matthew Hill wanted to do something in memory of their father, who died of colon cancer in 2007.

Since many cancer patients lose their hair, the idea is to forgo focusing on hair very much. Instead, letting it grow and being prepared with educational information if someone comments on it can give participants the opportunity to get others to care about their cause.

Another important aspect of participating is calculating how much money you spend on hair and shaving products in a month and donating that money to an organization which supports people with cancer.

Additionally, most participants start their own fundraising page to share on social media and get other donations.

While this fundraiser is usually associated with men's facial hair and seeing how long they can grow their beards, it isn't limited to any one kind of hair; participants can grow facial hair, leg hair, armpit hair, or even just the hair on their heads as part of the challenge.

The official No Shave November website, no-shave.org, also recognizes that participants will need to maintain professionalism in the workplace.

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website says. "Grooming and trimming are perfectly acceptable."

Anyone who wants to participate can find resources and tips on the website as well as donation opportunities and merchandise. People who may not want to participate in the challenge can still help by simply donating.

This year, No Shave November is working with three specific organizations: the Prevent Cancer Organization, Fight Colorectal Cancer, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Movember, the other yearly hair-related event, is focused on men's health issues.

Instead of allowing any type of hair, Movember is specific to moustaches, which is where it got the name.

Participants sign up online and shave their moustaches on November 1. As the month continues, they grow their moustaches and put extra effort into keeping them clean and polished and track their progress through social media or a blog.

With help from the Movember website, us.movember.com, participants can promote the fundraiser on their social media.

This isn't the only way to participate, though.

Move for Movember is a challenge to walk or run at least 60 miles in the month of November for the

60 men who die from suicide every hour across the globe.

The website suggests linking a fitness app to the fundraising page so that possible donors can keep track of your progress.

The Movember website also promotes hosting a "Mo-ment," a fundraising party of any kind.

Participants in any of these events are put into the running for various prizes and achievements for high earners.

The money from these fundraisers goes toward three different issues relevant to men's health: mental health, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.

The organization funds those issues through over a thousand different projects in 20 countries.

Movember was founded in 2003 in Australia, when the originators noticed that moustaches had almost completely gone out of style.

If they were going to bring it back, they wanted to do it for a good reason.

By 2007, when the organization first connected with an organization in the U.S., it had spread to a total of six countries, and it has continued to grow since then.

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## Alex Trebek, long-running 'Jeopardy!' host, dies at 80

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alex Trebek, who presided over the beloved quiz show "Jeopardy!" for more than 30 years with dapper charm and a touch of schoolmaster strictness, died Sunday. He was 80.

Trebek, who announced in 2019 that he had advanced pancreatic cancer, died at his Los Angeles home, surrounded by family and friends, "Jeopardy!" studio Sony said.

The Canadian-born host, who made a point of informing fans about his health directly, spoke in a calm, even tone as he revealed his illness and hope for a cure in a video posted March 6, 2019.

In the video, Trebek said he was joining the 50,000 other Americans who receive such a diagnosis each year and that he recognized that the prognosis was not encouraging.

But Trebek said he intended to fight

it and keep working, even joking that he needed to beat the disease because his "Jeopardy!" contract ran for three more years. Less than a week later, he opened the show with a message acknowledging the outpouring of kind words and prayers he'd received.

"Thanks to the — believe it or not — hundreds of thousands of people who have sent in tweets, texts, emails, cards and letters wishing me well," Trebek said. "I'm a lucky guy."

The program tapes weeks of shows in advance, and the remaining episodes with Trebek will air through Dec. 25, a Sony spokeswoman said.

Messages of grief and respect from former contestants, celebrities and the wider public quickly followed news of his loss.

"Alex wasn't just the best ever at what he did. He was also a lovely and deep-

ly decent man, and I'm grateful for every minute I got to spend with him," tweeted "Jeopardy!" champion Ken Jennings. "Thinking today about his family and his Jeopardy! family — which, in a way, included millions of us."

"It was one of the great privileges of my life to spend time with this courageous man while he fought the battle of his life. You will never be replaced in our hearts, Alex," James Holzhauer, another "Jeopardy!" star, posted on Twitter.

John Legend tweeted that he was "obsessed with Jeopardy as a nerdy kid growing up in Ohio. I've loved and revered Alex Trebek since I can remember. What an iconic career."

"Jeopardy!" bills itself as "America's favorite quiz show" and captivated the public with a unique format in which contestants were told the answers and had to provide the questions on a vari-

ety of subjects, including movies, politics, history and popular culture.

They would answer by saying "What is ...?" or "Who is ...?"

Trebek, who became its host in 1984, was a master of the format, engaging in friendly banter with contestants, appearing genuinely pleased when they answered correctly and, at the same time, moving the game along in a brisk, no-nonsense fashion whenever people struggled for answers.

He never pretended to know the answers himself if he really didn't, deferring to the show's experts to decide whether a somewhat vague answer had come close enough to be counted as correct.

"I try not to take myself too seriously," he told an interviewer in 2004. "I don't want to come off as a pompous ass and indicate that I know everything when I don't."

## Trump's election night party adds to virus scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was supposed to be a scene of celebration.

Instead, the Trump campaign's election night watch party in the White House East Room has become another symbol of President Donald Trump's cavalier attitude toward a virus that is ripping across the nation and infecting more than 100,000 people a day.

Polls suggest that attitude was a serious drag on the president's reelection bid as voters chose to deny Trump a second term in favor of his

Democratic rival, now President-Elect Joe Biden. And the party — with few masks and no social distancing — is now under additional scrutiny after the president's chief of staff, Mark Meadows, became the latest top White House official to contract the virus, which has now killed more than 237,000 people in the U.S. alone.

The White House has repeatedly refused to say who else has tested positive, even as the virus continues to spread. The latest White House

cluster, coming just a month after Trump's own diagnosis and hospitalization, includes a top Trump campaign official as well as a handful of undisclosed White House staff, officials said.

The White House has been increasingly secretive about outbreaks. Many White House and campaign officials, as well as those who attended the election watch party, were kept in the dark about the diagnoses, unaware until they were disclosed by the press.

## Global COVID case total tops 50 million

BOSTON — The coronavirus has hit another sobering milestone: more than 50 million positive cases worldwide since the pandemic began.

Johns Hopkins University's coronavirus tracker reported more than 50 million COVID-19 cases globally as of Sunday.

There have been more than 1.2 million deaths from the disease worldwide since the pandemic started.

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# Family Weekend featured 2 new events this year

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This year's Family Weekend at Eastern featured two new events as programming was adjusted to maintain safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During Friday and Saturday's lunch and dinner, the dining centers served the winning dessert from the Family Dessert Recipe competition held over the last few days.

Between October 26 and 28, students could use the Panther Dining menu suggestion site to turn in their favorite dessert recipe and try to have it served over the weekend.

While the recipe suggestion box is always open, this competition was a rare opportunity to bring some attention to a favorite recipe.

The winner for this competition was

Carrie Benjamin's recipe submission: Panther Pumpkin Crunch.

Eastern's Facebook post announcing the winner described the dessert as, "A combination of pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon, and salt, sprinkled with dry cake mix, drizzled with melted butter, and topped with whipped topping."

The dessert was available in individual to-go boxes in all of the open dining centers until supplies ran out.

Family Weekend also featured a Virtual Musical Bingo event through eventgame-shows.com.

Event Gameshows is a company which offers different programs which can be hired out to host game shows at colleges, retreats, and other events.

With the onset of the pandemic, the company shifted their focus to making these same programs accessible as virtu-

al events.

The "musical bingo" that Eastern hosted is a cross between trivia games and traditional bingo.

Players have to be able to answer trivia questions about everything from boy bands to Disney movies to 80s music so that they can fill out their bingo cards.

The event was held via Zoom. Contestants played against fellow Eastern students in the call, and the whole game was run by a host from Event Gameshows.

The game show company includes a \$200 cash prize for whoever wins the bingo game, but Eastern added to that, bringing the prize total to \$750 in prizes "including EIU swag and Amazon gift cards," according to Eastern's Facebook post about the event.

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The statement was signed by Bush White House chief of staff Josh Bolton and Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt as well as Bill Clinton-era chief of staff Thomas "Mack" McLarty and Obama Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker.

Biden aides said the president-elect and transition team had been in touch with Republican lawmakers. Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, one of Trump's closest allies, opened a Cabinet meeting on Sunday by congratulating Biden, a former vice president and longtime senator.

"I have a long and warm personal connection with Joe Biden for nearly 40 years, and I know him as a great friend of the state of Israel," Netanyahu said. "I am certain that we will continue to work with both of them in order to further strengthen the special alliance between Israel and the U.S."

George W. Bush, the sole living Republican former president, also wished Biden well.

"Though we have political differences, I know Joe Biden to be a good man, who has won his opportunity to lead and unify our country," Bush said.

Biden faces key staffing decisions in the days ahead. The always-frenzied 10-week transition period before Inauguration Day on Jan. 20 already has been shortened by the extra time it took to determine the winner of Tuesday's election.

The second Catholic to be elected president, Biden started his first full day as president-elect by attending church at St. Joseph on the Bran-

dywine near his home in Wilmington, as he does nearly every week. After the service, he visited the church cemetery where several family members have been laid to rest, including his late son, Beau.

Beau Biden, a former Delaware attorney general, died in 2015 from cancer. Before his death, he had encouraged his father to make a third run for the White House.

Joe Biden said Saturday in a victory speech that he would announce a task force of scientists and experts Monday to develop a "blueprint" to begin beating back the virus by the time he assumes the presidency. He said his plan would be "built on bed-rock science" and "constructed out of compassion, empathy and concern."

Murthy, who had advised Biden during the campaign, was named to a four-year term as surgeon general in 2014 by President Barack Obama. Murthy was asked to resign by Trump months into the Republican's term. Kessler was appointed as FDA commissioner by President George H.W. Bush and served in the position through President Bill Clinton's first term in the White House.

Biden senior adviser Ted Kaufman said the transition team will focus on the "nuts and bolts" of building the new administration in coming days.

Biden may not make top Cabinet choices for weeks. But he built his presidential run around bipartisanship and he has spent the days since Tuesday's election pledging to be a president for all Americans. That suggests he could be willing to appoint some Republicans to high-profile administration positions.

# Booth to hold event on Native American culture Monday

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On Monday, Booth Library will sponsor a virtual event which aims to educate students and community members about Native American culture.

"A Peek Into the American Indian Way of Life Through Their History and Oral Traditions" presented by Kim McIver Sigafus will discuss Native encampment life.

Sigafus is an award-winning Ojibwa author and speaker. She will give the presentation dressed in her Native regalia and will present through Native oral traditions, language and history. She will also drum and sing an Ojibwa lullaby.

Sigafus' writing covers many genres, including Native American fiction and non-fiction, and she presents programs across the Midwest. Though she is orig-

inally from the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, her family now lives in Freeport, IL.

This program, which is associated with The Big Read, will be livestreamed by the Doudna Fine Arts Center on their YouTube channel. The livestream will be free and open to the public.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL Biden/Harris win a major moment in U.S. history

Perhaps the strangest and most exciting election in American history finally wrapped up over the weekend, when it was finally announced that Democratic nominee Joe Biden seemed to have enough electoral votes to win the presidency.

As many expected, it was mail-in voting that swung the election, with millions of mail ballots being counted in the days following election day that turned the tide for Biden in several swing states.

The election itself was a momentous event, but we at The Daily Eastern News find what happened after the results were announced to be just as incredible.

All around the country, and even in some other countries, people took to the streets to dance, cheer, honk their horns or just stand around and wave at traffic.

Social media was full of videos of city streets echoing with cheers,

honks and celebratory music. It was the kind of celebration we normally see in documentaries about World War II ending or the moon landing.

But instead, all of these people were celebrating the defeat of Donald Trump.

In defeat, Trump did more to unite the American people than he ever did while as president.

The entire day Saturday just felt important. It felt like a day that people will remember for years to come.

But the election results coming in was an important moment for more than the celebrations it sparked.

The 2020 election had the highest number of votes ever recorded and the highest voter turnout, as a percentage of eligible voters, since 1900.

Americans did not just come together in the streets. More importantly, they came together at the polls.

## COLUMN How Trump, Biden are dealing with their election outcomes

After four days that felt like four years, Joe Biden was finally elected president. Respectable Americans took to the streets to celebrate, showing just how respectable they are by wearing their masks incorrectly and shouting expletives about Trump to reporters. I'm just as happy as the next reasonable person, but those celebrations were a little contradictory, and gave the Fox News talking heads way too much to talk about. You know it's bad when Leland Vittert, naked chin and all, is commenting about the lack of masks.

Biden's speech in Delaware went about as expected, not counting the jump scare that was the confetti cannon directly in front of him. His reaction had me worried that we were going to lose him as soon as we won him.

His sprint (jog) to the podium had me more inspired than any hat-chucking, name-calling, all-caps tweeting ever could. He also treated it more as a victory screech than speech, almost shouting my ear off more than "I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT," did.



Ryan Meyer

Trump, meanwhile, took to the porcelain throne in his bunker and threw a temper tantrum, refusing to give the Xbox controller to his mother. As Coldplay's "A Sky Full Of Stars" soundtrack a fireworks display in Delaware, Trump was bawling his eyes out to "Fix You," as anyone with feelings is wont to do.

It's exciting that the next four years will be handled in a mature and promising way, but I can't help but worry about the more palatable Mike Pence running in 2024 with the fly as his running mate. That is a formidable duo. People really loved that damn fly.

Speaking of running mates, Kamala Harris is the first woman to be vice

president, which is fantastic, although stubborn, traditional-gender-role believers are rolling in their centuries-old graves everywhere.

The former president/current re-actor is the first since George H.W. Bush to lose reelection, and I'd argue that he is the biggest loser and sucker of them all.

Apparently, Don Jr. tweeted at Trump that he should "go to total war" over the election results. Disregarding how rash and irresponsible that is, I think it's hilarious that Junior has to tweet at Daddy to get his attention.

I do have one complaint about Trump's loss, however. All the liberal indie rock bands I love don't have anything to write impassioned, anti-establishment anthems about now. I guess I'll have to settle for some celebratory, happy music for once.

Congratulations to Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. The American Dream has finally come true.

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